AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JOHNS CREEK, GEORGIA PURSUANT TO SECTION 3.18 OF THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF JOHNS CREEK, GEORGIA TO PROVIDE FOR THE OPERATION OF THE CITY OF JOHNS CREEK, GEORGIA DURING THE PUBLIC EMERGENCY OF THE NOVEL CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 GLOBAL PANDEMIC; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR ALL OTHER LAWFUL PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the City of Johns Creek, Georgia are charged with the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Johns Creek, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Section 3.18 of the Charter of the City of Johns Creek, Georgia empowers the Mayor and City Council to adopt an emergency ordinance to meet a public emergency affecting life, health, property, or public peace; and

WHEREAS, the novel coronavirus disease 2019 global pandemic is a public emergency affecting and threatening life, health, property, and public peace.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Johns Creek, Georgia that an emergency ordinance is hereby enacted as follows:

- **SECTION 1.** The Mayor and City Council of the City of Johns Creek, Georgia ("City Council") hereby declare that an emergency affecting life, health, property, and public peace exists within the City of Johns Creek, Georgia ("City") due to the novel coronavirus disease 2019 ("COVID-19") global pandemic.
- **SECTION 2.** The following provisions shall govern the operation of the City during the COVID-19 pandemic:
  - 2.1 The operation of essential services, including, but not limited to, those related to public safety and health, as determined now or hereafter by the City Manager, shall continue during the COVID-19 pandemic;
  - 2.2 The Work Session and Council Meeting scheduled for March 23, 2020 is hereby cancelled;
  - 2.3 All and singular votes of the City Council permitted, allowed, or required under the Charter of the City of Johns Creek, Georgia or the Code of the City of Johns Creek, Georgia may be conducted in absentia by conducting meetings by teleconference in accordance with O.C.G.A § 50-14-1(g);
  - 2.4 All and singular such votes under this Ordinance shall be reported to the public via summaries and minutes as required by law posted to the City of Johns Creek's website; and
  - 2.5 The occupation tax payment deadline of March 31, 2020 as established by the Johns Creek, Georgia Code of Ordinances Sec. 50-106(b) is hereby extended up and through May 31, 2020; and
  - 2.6 On or before the thirtieth (30th) day after the date this Ordinance, or any re-enaction hereof, is adopted, the City Council shall convene on the call of the mayor or four (4) council members to reenact or repeal this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

**SECTION 4.** If any section, subsection, provisions, or clause of any part of this Ordinance shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, or, if the provisions of any part of this Ordinance as applied to a particular situation or set of circumstances shall be declared invalid or unconstitutional, such invalidity shall not be construed to affect the portions of this Ordinance not held to be invalid. It is hereby declared as the intent of the City Council that this Ordinance would have been adopted in its current form without the invalid or unconstitutional provision contained herein.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance, pursuant to Section 3.18 of the Charter of the City of Johns Creek, Georgia, shall automatically stand repealed thirty (30) days after the date of adoption.

**SECTION 7.** This Ordinance may be reenacted for one or more additional periods of thirty (30) days (or repealed) upon a meeting of the City Council called by the Mayor or four (4) councilmembers of the City Council.

SO ORDAINED this 18th day of March, 2020 by the Mayor and Council of the City of Johns Creek, Georgia.

Michael E. Bodker, Mayor

Approve

Attest:

Joan C. Jones, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

E. Ronald Bennett, Jr. City Attorney

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